

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this Amendment are solicited. Claims 9-16 will be active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

The sole issue raised in the outstanding Official Action is the rejection of previous claims 1-8 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In particular, the examiner focused on the recitation "A cadmium active substance having a conductive core on a surface of which nickel powder is coated" and requests further information with regard to this expression.

In addition, the examiner also summarizes the description as teaching a nickel containing sintered substrate immersed in an impregnating solution containing cadmium nitrate. After drying, it is subjected to alkali treatment so that the pores of the nickel-sintered substrate are filled with cadmium hydroxide. The reader's attention is directed to page 9, lines 12-14.

With the examiner's helpful comments in mind, claims 1 and 3 have been recast as new independent claims 9 and 11 which more closely associate with the description of the invention. Previous dependent claims 2 and 4-8 have been revised to agree with the wording of new claims 9 and 11, adjusted, as appropriate, and now appear as new claims 10 and 12-16.

Applicants submit that the claims now presented find appropriate description in the specification and therefore resolve the issues raised in item 4 of the Official Action.

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Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited. If for any reason the examiner wishes to discuss this case further, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

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